



# KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-08

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Kansas Water Office has informed me, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2608, of the present status of drought conditions within the state, and

**WHEREAS**, there is every indication that the present drought conditions will not abate in the near future and that drought conditions may develop in additional areas ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas Emergency Management Act (K.S.A. 48-924) states that the Governor shall be responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and its people from disasters, including drought.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby:

1. Declare a Drought Watch, Drought Warning or Drought Emergency for the counties identified below; and
2. Authorize and direct all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to implement the appropriate Watch, Warning or Emergency-level drought response actions assigned to them in the Operations Plan of the Governor's Drought Response Team.

### Drought Emergency counties by Climate/Crop Reporting District

Northwest: Cheyenne, Decatur, Graham, Norton, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas.

West Central: Gove, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Ness, Scott, Trego, Wallace and Wichita.

Southwest: Clark, Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hamilton, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Meade, Morton, Seward, Stanton, Stevens.

### Drought Warning counties by Climate/Crop Reporting District

North Central: Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, Smith.

Central: Ellis, Rush, Russell.

South Central: Comanche, Edwards, Kiowa, Pawnee, Pratt.

### Drought Watch counties by Climate/Crop Reporting District

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North Central: Jewell, Mitchell, Republic.

Central: Barton, Ellsworth, Lincoln.

South Central: Barber, Harper, Kingman, Stafford, Sumner.

Northeast: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan.

**Declarations Rescinded - Previous drought stage declarations for the following counties are rescinded**

North Central: Clay, Cloud, Ottawa, Washington.

Central: Dickinson, McPherson, Marion, Rice, Saline.

South Central: Harvey, Reno, Sedgwick.

Northeast: Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Marshall, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Riley, Wyandotte

East Central: Anderson, Chase, Coffey, Douglas, Franklin, Geary, Johnson, Linn, Lyon, Miami, Morris, Osage, Shawnee, Wabaunsee

Southeast: Allen, Bourbon, Butler, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cowley, Crawford, Elk, Greenwood, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson, Woodson

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 04-08 and shall become effective immediately.

County drought stages declared in this Executive Order shall remain in effect until revised or rescinded by a subsequent Executive Order.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR

*Kathleen Sebelius*

DATED

*6/15/04*

*Ron Thornburgh*  
Secretary of State

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